question of holding any enquiry and fixing accountability and responsibility does not arise.

Evaluation of Employees' Strength

1282. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any criteria to determine the number of employees and officers required in each Ministry/ Department of Government of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Ministries/Departments who have completed evaluation of their required strength; and

(d) whether remaining Ministries/Departments have been directed to complete their evaluation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Government does not have any specific criteria to determine the number of employees and officers required in each Ministry/Department, as the nature and content of work in Ministries/Departments vary.

(c) and (d) The evaluation of the required strength of a Ministry/ Department is a continuous and ongoing process and all the Ministries/Departments undertake this exercise based on the need and requirement of the Ministry/Department.

Instructions for Promotion through Departmental Examination

1283. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1324 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has not followed the Order of DOPT; No. 22011/2-79-Estt. (D) dated the 8th February, 1982 in the case of promotion of Junior Engineers to Assistant Engineers through Limited Departmental Competitive Examination 1999;

(b) if so, whether Government have since amended the above said order;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what action Government propose to take to implement the said order in various Ministries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) Department of Personnel and Training O.M. dated 8.2.1982 envisages a situation where the examinations are held regularly. The Limited Departmental Competitive Examination, 1999 was conducted to fill up vacancies in the grade of Assistant Engineer falling under the Departmental Examination quota for the year 93-94 to 98-99 and vacancies upto March, 1999 were filled up through the said examination. The results were prepared in terms of the directions given by Hon'ble CAT, Principal Bench in its order dated 15.2.1999 in OAs 2239/98 with 2526/98. According to these directions, vacancies in the grade of Assistant Engineer pertaining to the years 1993-94 to 98-99 were segregated year-wise maintaining the ratio 1:1 between seniority quota and Departmental Examination quota as prescribed in the Recruitment Rules.

Parameter to determine Poorest of Poor

1284. SHRI M.M. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any formula/parameter to determine the person as the poorest of the poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of facilities/incentives being given by Government to the people living Below the Poverty Line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Planning Commission formulates poverty line for defining the poor. No further distinction is made between the people who are poor.